

Subject card

Subject name and code	Changes in contemporary political systems, PG_00147582						
Field of study	Political Studies						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject			2025/2026	
Education level	Master's studies		Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study	
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery			at the university	
Year of study	1		Language of instruction			Polish	
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits			3.0	
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form			exam	
Conducting unit							
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. Danuta Plecka				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		0.0		45.0	75
Subject objectives	The aim of education is to provide knowledge about transformations in contemporary political systems. Presentation to students directions of changes, their causes, course and consequences. Indication of the role of consolidation of the political system as an instrument of its durability in dynamically transforming modernity.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[POLMU2_W11] Has advanced knowledge of the functioning mechanisms of the contemporary political systems.	has advanced knowledge of the principles of operation of systems political in the modern world, - has extended knowledge of the political organization of societies and processes changes and relationships and bonds at the local, regional and global level, - knows what are the directions of changes taking place in modern systems political	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[POLMU2_W07] Has an advanced level of knowledge of the mechanisms of political participation.	has advanced knowledge of the principles of operation of systems political in the modern world, - has extended knowledge of the political organization of societies and processes changes and relationships and bonds at the local, regional and global level, - knows what are the directions of changes taking place in modern systems political	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_W04] Has an advanced knowledge of the mechanisms of functioning of political power.	has advanced knowledge of the principles of operation of systems political in the modern world, - has extended knowledge of the political organization of societies and processes changes and relationships and bonds at the local, regional and global level, - knows what are the directions of changes taking place in modern systems political	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_U04] Can identify real and hypothetical threats in the political space.	is able to analyze and explain political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - is aware of the relationships between state systems and phenomena taking place in the political space, and also has the ability to assess them, - distinguishing the specificity of different political systems	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[POLMU2_U02] Has the ability to analyze the mechanisms of political power.	is able to analyze and explain political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - is aware of the relationships between state systems and phenomena taking place in the political space, and also has the ability to assess them, - distinguishing the specificity of different political systems	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[POLMU2_K07] Is able to independently and critically supplement knowledge and skills extended by an interdisciplinary dimension.	is prepared to work in public organizations and institutions, incl public administration bodies, political parties and other organizations national and international, - articulates the need for lifelong learning	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
	[POLMU2_U09] Is able to indicate the conditions for the evolution of political systems by properly selecting sources, critically assessing, analysing and synthesising them, creatively interpreting and transferring the acquired knowledge, using advanced information and communication techniques.	is able to analyze and explain political processes and phenomena using knowledge theoretical, - is aware of the relationships between state systems and phenomena taking place in the political space, and also has the ability to assess them, - distinguishing the specificity of different political systems	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[POLMU2_K03] Is prepared to function in an information society, can collect, use, and process information in the public sphere.	is prepared to work in public organizations and institutions, incl public administration bodies, political parties and other organizations national and international, - articulates the need for lifelong learning	[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion

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Subject contents	Introductory issues - political system, types and types of political systems, fluctuation of political systems. Democracy - types and types of political regime; transformations in liberal democracy; crisis of liberal democracy - causes, course, consequences. Populism as a response to the crisis of liberal democracy. Illiberal democracies and their enemies. Towards authoritarianism? - the need for security as a challenge to contemporary political systems. Citizen and his political civic competences as a response to the crisis of liberal democracy - participation, apathy, society civic. Changes in modern political parties - causes and consequences.								
Prerequisites and co-requisites									
Assessment methods and criteria	<table><tr><th>Subject passing criteria</th><th>Passing threshold</th><th>Percentage of the final grade</th></tr><tr><td>writer's work</td><td>51.0%</td><td>100.0%</td></tr></table>	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade	writer's work	51.0%	100.0%		
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Recommended reading	Basic literature	A. Literatura wymagana do ostatecznego zaliczenia zajęć (zdania egzaminu): Albright M., Faszyzm. Ostrzeżenie, Warszawa 2018. Anioł A., Szlak Norden. Modernizacja po skandynawsku, Warsaw 2013. Antoszewski A., Współczesne teorie demokracji, Studia z teorii polityki, vol. II, 1998/2003. Carpin D., M. X., Keeter S., Measuring Political Knowledge: Putting First Things First, American Journal of Political Science, 1993, no. 37. Fukuyama F., Ład polityczny i polityczny regres, Poznań 2015. Godlewski T., Obywatelskie kompetencje polityczne, [in:] Demokracja w Polsce po 2005 roku, (red.) D. Karnowska, Toruń 2008.							
	Supplementary literature	Held D., Modele demokracji, Kraków 2010. Karwat M., O karykaturze polityki, Warsaw 2012. Kontrewolucja u bram, (red.) J. Kołtan, G. Piotrowski, Gdańsk 2020. Krastev I, Holmes S., Światło, które zgasło. Jak Zachód zawiódł swoich wyznawców, Warszawa 2020. Lalman D., Oppenheimer J., Świstak P., Formalna teoria wyboru racjonalnego. Kumulatywne nauki polityczne, Studia Socjologiczne 1994, no. 34. Literatura uzupełniająca Meir P., Ruling the Void. The Hollowing of Western Democracy, Verso, London-New York 2013. Mounk Y., Lud kontra demokracja. Dlaczego nasza wolność jest w niebezpieczeństwie i jak ją ocalić, Warszawa 2019. Muller, J-W., Strach i wolność. O inny liberalizm, Warszawa 2020. Przeworski A., Democracy and economic development [in:] Political science and the public interest, (eds.) E.D. Mansfield, R. Sisson, Ohio Press, Ohio 2004. Raciborski J., Obywatelstwo w perspektywie socjologicznej, PWN, Warsaw 2011. Reykowski J., Myślenie polityczne, [in:] Podstawy psychologii politycznej, (red.) K. Skarżyńska, Wydawnictwo Zysk i spółka, Poznań 2002. Sandel M., Tyrania merytokracji. Co się stało z dobrem wspólnym?, PWN, Warsaw 2020. Stanley J., Jak działa faszyzm. My kontra oni, Warszawa 2021. Turska-Kawa A., Determinanty chwiejności wyborczej, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Śląskiego, Katowice 2015. Vidigal R., Measuring Certainty in Political Knowledge, www. / VIDIGAL_MEASUREMENT_final-with-appendix.pdf [access: 21 November 2021]. Zakaria F., Przyszłość wolności. Nieliberalna demokracja w Stanach Zjednoczonych i na świecie, Warszawa 2018							
	eResources addresses								
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	Changes in the political systems of Central Asian countries. Transformation in Poland after 1989 as an example of changes in the political system. The importance of the citizen and his attitudes for changes in the political system.								
Work placement	Not applicable								

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